

DRAKEFORD OF FOREBRIDGE IN CASTLE CHURCH, STAFFS

ARMS:*Argent the base barry wavy azure in chief a drake naiant [KING 288]

Argent a chevron sable between three eagles displayed sable (*1680) [PLOT]

CREST:

Edward Drakeford

m Cecily -----

(1594) Information relating to document ref. no. 4513/1/2 Cycles Drakeford to Edward Drakeford (her husband). Social letter accompanying gift of an "Angell".

(1594) Information relating to document ref. no. 4513/1/17 Cecy[11 Drakeford] to Edward Dra[keford] {Drakeford?}, her husband. Social letter accompanying various gifts Endorsed with: "Old Papers of Master Drakefords who was the Undersheriff to Sir Edward Littleton in Queen Elizabeths Raigne 1593. 1594."

Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman c1578-1639

m a1610 Mercy; [? i as Martha 29 Aug 1642 Stafford St Mary]; (sometimes named as Mary at least in printed PR see below)

m 26 Jan 1603 Maer: Mercy Bowyer

i as senior 25 Apr 1639 Stafford St Mary

(by purchase from Leigh of London citizen, of Forebridge) a1615

(not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6

chn: Mary Drakeford c 17 May 1608 Stafford St Mary

William Drakeford [twin] c mother Mary 6 Sep 1610 Stafford St Mary; [? i 22 Nov 1610 Stafford St Mary]

Richard Drakeford [twin] c mother Mary 6 Sep 1610 Stafford St Mary below

Edward Drakeford c mother Mercy 8 Oct 1613 Stafford St Mary; [? 1 13 Mar 1615.6 Stafford St Mary]

Ursula Drakeford c mother Mercy 21 Apr 1616 Stafford St Mary; m 10 Sep 1634 Castle Church: Simon Adams

Jane Drakeford c mother Mary 25 Jul 1619 Stafford St Mary

William Drakeford c mother Mercy 5 Aug 1621 Stafford St Mary; [? (as Mr, 7 hearths, Goscote in Walsall) 1666 HT]

Alice Drakeford c mother Mercy 22 Jul 1623 Stafford St Mary

Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman 1610-p1680

c 6 Sep 1610 Stafford St Mary

m Ann Babington 3rd dau of William Babington of Curborough in Lichfield, Staffs c1582-1625

[SLG]; b c1620

(an attorney); (6 hearths, Forebridge) 1666 HT; (living) 1680

chn: Richard Drakeford c 21 Sep 1639 Stafford St Chad; i 23 Apr 1640 Stafford St Mary

Mercy Drakeford c 20 Dec 1640 Stafford St Mary; m Richard Wilkes of Willenhall, Staffs c1636-1673 [SLG]

Ann Drakeford c 31 Dec 1648 Stafford St Chad

Richard Drakeford b 28 Jan 1650.1 PR; c 9 Feb 1650.1 Stafford St Chad ?below

Matthew Drakeford b 31 Dec 1653 PR; c 11 Jan 1653.4 Stafford St Chad further below

Eleanor Drakeford [twin] b 15 Sep 1656 PR; c 23 Sep 1656 Stafford St Chad; [? m Richard Neville of Ricarscaot]

Edward Drakeford [twin] b 15 Sep 1656 PR; c 23 Sep 1656 Stafford St Chad further below

Here lies buried Richard Nevil of Ricarscoat, Gentleman who married Eleanore, youngest daughter of Richard Drakeford of Forebridge, Gentleman, by whom he had no issue. For his King fairly often, for his Country always. The Church of England by Law is established, in an extraordinary degree he loved, cherished and frequented his Church as much against Romanists and Jesuits as against Fanatics".

Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman ?1651-....

[? b 28 Jan 1650.1 PR; c 9 Feb 1650.1 Stafford St Chad]

m of *Stafford* 9 Nov 1672 Shenstone: Elizabeth Brecknock of Lichfield

[? m 6 Dec 1677 Elizabeth Perrett]

chn: Richard Drakeford c 24 Dec 1673 Castle Church below

Ann Drakeford c 10 Jan 1675.6 Castle Church

John Drakeford c 1 Nov 1678 Castle Church

Diana Drakeford c 20 Jun 1682 Castle Church

Catherine Drakeford c 29 Jan 1684.5 Castle Church

Elizabeth Drakeford c 19 Jan 1689.90 Castle Church

(6 Dec 1677) Marriage settlement: Richard Drakeford and Elizabeth Perrett: farm called Haseley Farm, Berkswich: [D1798/H.M. DRAKEFORD/39]

Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman 1673-1728

c 24 Dec 1673 Castle Church *1st son of Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman ?1651-.... [SLG] and Elizabeth (?Brecknock)*

m [? 29 Feb 1703 Milwich] Priscilla ----

i 29 May 1728 Castle Church; Adm (Lichfield) 1728

chn: Richard Drakeford c 1 Jul 1705 Stafford St Mary below

Priscilla Drakeford c 26 Mar 1709.10 Stafford St Mary; m 7 Oct 1749 Castle Church: William Vaughan

Edward Drakeford c 18 Jun 1712 Castle Church

Matthew Drakeford c 16 May 1714 Castle Church [SMR]

Anna Maria Drakeford c 28 Mar 1720 Castle Church

Richard Drakeford of Castle Church, Staffs "gentleman" 1705-....

c 1 Jul 1705 Stafford St Mary

m (by Lichfield licence, ?5 Dec 1738) ?4 Dec 1738 Stafford St Mary: Frances Wood

chn: Frances Drakeford b 11 May 1739 PR; c 11 May 1739 Castle Church

Richard Drakeford b 24 Jul 1740; c 27 Jul 1740 Castle Church

Edward Drakeford b 26 Sep 1741 PR; c 5 Oct 1741 Castle Church

John Drakeford b 5 Nov 1742 PR; c 6 Dec 1742 Castle Church

Matthew Drakeford b 24 May 1744 PR; c 3 Jun 1744 Castle Church

William Drakeford b 18 Dec 1745 PR; c 7 Jan 1745.5 Castle Church

Edward Drakeford b 9 May 1749 PR; c 10 May 1749 Castle Church

Matthew Drakeford (Rector of Stafford St Mary) 1653-1703

b 31 Dec 1653 PR; c 11 Jan 1653.4 Stafford St Chad *son of Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman 1610-p1680 and Ann Babington 3rd dau of William Babington of Curborough in Lichfield, Staffs c1582-1625*

m 14 May 1689 Stafford St Mary: Ann Astley dau of Jonas Astley of Wood Eaton in Church Eaton, Staffs c1634-c1694 [SLG]; c ?1658 Church Eaton

i as *Rector* 5 Nov 1703 Stafford St Mary

(educated at Stafford)

(aged 15, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 19 May 1669 [VENN]

(matriculated) 1669

(B.A.) 1672.3

(M.A.) 1676

(Parochial Curate, Stafford St Chad) 19 Sep 1676-d

- (appointed) 19 Sep 1676

- (as Minister, signed the parish register) 29 Dec 1701 & 17 Sep 1703

(Master, Brewood Grammar School, Staffs) 21 May 1679-a25 Jan 1683

- (appointed) 21 May 1679

- (replaced in office) a25 Jan 1683

(Rector, Colton, Staffs) 9 Feb 1681.2-a13 Jul 1682

- (presented by Sir Thomas Whitgreave of Bridgeford in Seighford, Staffs Knight c1626-1695)

- (subscribed on appointment) 9 Feb 1681.2

(Rector, Stafford St Mary) 1 Sep 1682-d

- (presented by the Crown)

- (appointed/admitted) 1 Sep 1682

(Prebendary, Lichfield Bishopshull) 18 Oct 1698-d

- (collated) 18 Oct 1698 [B/A/1/18 F41v]

- (installed) 13 Jun 1699 [D30/2/1/7 F110v]

(Rector, Tixall, Staffs) 20 Jun 1698-d

- (presented by Humphrey Perry gentleman *pro* Walter Aston 3rd Baron Aston of Forfar c1633-1714)

- (admitted) 20 Jun 1698

chn: Ann Drakeford c 17 Dec 1690 Stafford

Will of Edward Drakeford of Stafford , Staffordshire 13 November 1819 PROB 11/1622

Will of Richard Drakeford, Gentleman of Castle Church, Staffordshire 21 March 1757 PROB 11/828

NOTES

Joan Drakeford m 14 Nov 1591 Stafford St Mary: Richard Whytell

Littleton Drakeford i 16 Jul 1614 Stafford St Mary

*1664/1700; KING 288; STAFFORD ST MARY 1559-1671 AND ST CHAD 1636-1811 PRINTED PR (10/5/04)

Information relating to document ref. no. D1798/H.M. DICKENSON/12

Envelope containing papers re Drakeford affairs: 1750 Including bond of Richard Drakeford of Gosport re children of Richard Drakeford Town Clerk of Stafford: bills of costs etc. in Drakeford v. Drakeford. 1761

Date range: 1750 - 1761.

Information relating to document ref. no. D1798/H.M. DRAKEFORD/97

Original bundle of Drakeford correspondence much of it again between Richard Drakeford at Gosport and his nephew Richard, town clerk of Stafford; also some correspondence with Priscilla, sister of Richard Drakeford, senior.

Date range: 1740 - 1749.

Information relating to document ref. no. D1798/H.M. DRAKEFORD/80

Bond re will of Richard Drakeford re bequest to Matthew Drakeford of Cannock, surgeon and apothecary: 31 May.

Date: 1760.

Information relating to document ref. no. D1798/H.M. DRAKEFORD/71

Gift by William Drakeford to Richard Drakeford of all his burgages etc., in Congleton: 18 July.

Date: 1580.

Information relating to document ref. no. D1798/HM29/11

Inventory of the household goods and apparel of Richard Drakeford, deceased Gives price of each article and names of purchasers. Enclosed: rough accounts of Lewis Dickenson, as executor of Richard Drakeford, 1757-1762

Date range: 1757 - 1762.

Edward Drakeford of London ironmonger 1656-1709

b 15 Sep 1656 PR; c 23 Sep 1656 Stafford St Chad *4th son of Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs gentleman 1610-p1680 [SLG] and Ann (Babington)*

m (by Faculty Office licence, 1685) 12 Jul 1685 London St Benet Fink: Honor Durham

i 23 May 1709 London St Giles Cripplegate

(apprenticed to William Hayes of London ironmonger) 8 Aug 1671

chn: Ann Drakeford b1686; d 1686

Lettesa Drakeford c 19 Mar 1686 London St Sepulchre

Ann Drakeford c 22 Mar 1687 London St Sepulchre; d 1690

Honor Drakeford c 9 Jan 1688.9 London; d 1689

Edward Drakeford b 1690

Peter Drakeford b 1691; d 1692

Mary Drakeford b 1692; d 1693

Elizabeth Drakeford b 1695; d 1696

Richard Drakeford b 11 Jul 1697 London St Alban Wood Street below

Ann Drakeford b 21 Dec 1699 London St Alphage Wall; m 1 Oct 1727 Bedford St

Paul: William Mayes

Honor Drakeford b 1702

Richard Drakeford, (fl. 1709-1757)

The Drakeford family lived in Forebridge Hall (on the site of Green Hall), Stafford, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Richard Drakeford was the son of Richard and Priscilla Drakeford. In 1738, Drakeford married Frances Wood of Stafford. During his lifetime he owned several properties in the Castle Church area of Stafford, including Forebridge Hall, where he died in 1757.

Drakeford moved away from Stafford to

Richard Drakeford of Forebridge in Castle Church, Staffs Esquire 1697-1757

b 11 Jul 1697 London St Alban Wood Street

m -----; (? but had no chn)

i *as Esq. of Forebridge* 14 Jan 1757 Stafford St Mary; Will (PCC) 25 Mar 1757

(Sheriff, Staffs) 1753

Richard Drakeford of Stafford Green in Castle gentleman ... nephew Matthew Drakeford of Cannock surgeon and friend Mr Lewis Dickenson of Stafford apothecary [trustees and executors] ... [property in Gosport, Hants] ... Richard the eldest son of Richard Drakeford town clerk of Stafford ... [his younger brothers] John, Matthew, William, Edward ... sister Ann ??aes widow of Bedford ... two nieces Frances the wife of Richard and Elinor the wife of Matthew Drakeford ... nephew Richard Drake the elder ...

pursue his naval career, and from as early as 1709, he was employed as a Captain's clerk on board the Adventure. He went on to become Purser on board eight navy vessels (the Newcastle, Lyon, Tiger, Windsor, Lenox, Devonshire, Chichester and St. Amelia), between 1726 and 1746. Drakeford was able to obtain leave from his job as Purser on numerous occasions to work as a Prize and Pay Agent based in Gosport, Hampshire. In this capacity, he arranged the prize money from a number of captured vessels, including the Princessa, Del Carmino, St. Pierre, Angellica, L'Indomptable, Dauphine, St Catherine, St. John the Baptist, and Elvira. Between March 1744 and 1746, Drakeford worked in partnership with fellow Prize Agent, Edward Jasper.

. In 1709 Richard Drakeford was orphaned at the age of 12 and joined the navy. Following a successful career in the Navy and as an agent in Gosport, Hampshire, he returned to Stafford, where he purchased Forebridge Hall from the main family line who had fallen on hard times. He had become quite wealthy and was appointed the High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 1753. Richard married but had no children, so on his death the property was bequeathed to a great nephew and passed to Edward Drakeford (1749-1814), the last of the line of this significant Stafford family.